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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6206

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, PK, IR
SUBJ: NEW IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 7133

1. GOI JULY 11 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF FEREIDOUNAN ZANFARD AS AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND IS PROVIDED.

2. DR. ZANFARD, 51, IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE ENTERED MFA IN 1948 AND HAS SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: RECORDS; TREATIES AND LEGAL AFFAIRS; PERSONNEL; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DEPT.; AND MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF AFFAIRS. ABROAD HE HAS SERVED AT THE IRANIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AND WAS IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT 1971-76. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM KUWAIT HE HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE MFA DIPLOMATIC PLANS AND PROJECTS COUNCIL (SIMILAR TO OUR POLICY/PLANNING STAFF). HE SPEAKS ENGLISH (IN A PRECISE, DELIBERATE MANNER) AND ALSO FRENCH.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS HAD A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ZANFARD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, GOING BACK TO THE LATE 60S WHEN HE WAS HEAD OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF
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AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. HE HAS BEEN GENERALLY WELL INFORMED, THOUGH DISCREET, AND REASONABLY FORTHCOMING IN DISCUSSING GOI POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH HIS PRIMARY AREA OF EXPERTISE HAS BEEN THE PERSIAN BULF, HE HAS BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WIDER CONCERNS THROUGH HIS POLICY PLANNING EXPERIENCE. HE RECENTLY RECEIVED AN AMERICAN COUNDIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS GROUP AND PROVIDED THEM WITH AN

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IMPRESSIVE TOUR D'HORIZON OF CURRENT IRANIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

4. EMBASSY CONTACTS HAVE FOUND ZANFARD TO BE INTELLIGENT, WITH A KEEN ANALYTICAL MIND. HE PRESENTS A FAIRLY UNIMPRESSIVE FIRST IMPRESSION SINCE HE IS BASCIALLY A SHY PERSON, WITH A RETIRING DEMEANOR. HE IS REPORTEDLY HELD IN PARTICULARLY HIGH REGARD BY HIS MFA COLLEAGUES.
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